

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/612,906 Confirmation No. 4320
Applicant : M. ARAKI et al
Filed : July 7, 2003
Titled : STORAGE SYSTEM
TC/A.U. : 2182
Examiner : H. Kim
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Customer No.: 24956

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2)
TO WITHDRAW THE APPLICATION FROM ISSUE

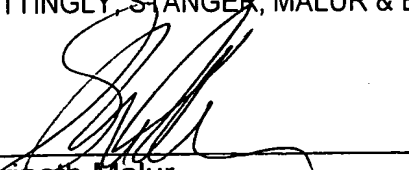
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanies this Petition. This application is being withdrawn from issue so that the documents contained in an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement may be properly considered on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1417 for any additional fees that are deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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